

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

IN RE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY
AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE
LITIGATION

MDL NO. 1456

CIVIL ACTION: 01-CV-12257-PBS

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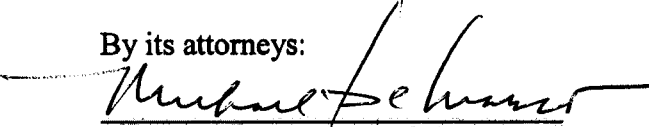
JUDGE PATTI B. SARIS

International Union of Operating
Engineers, Local No. 68 Welfare
Fund v. AstraZeneca PLC, et al.
Civil Action No. 04-11503-PBS

**DEFENDANT AVENTIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC.'S
LOCAL RULE 16(D)(3) CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to Local Rule 16.1(D)(3) Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc. and its attorneys hereby certify that they have conferred with a view to establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full course – and various alternative courses – for the above-captioned litigation and have conferred to consider the resolution of the litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as those outlined in Local Rule 16.4

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 11, 2005 a true and correct copy of Defendant Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s Local Rule 16.1(D)(3) Certification was served on all counsel of record by electronic means pursuant to Paragraph 11 of Case Management Order No. 2 by sending a copy to Verilaw Technologies for posting and notification to all parties.

/s/ David M. Glynn

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